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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. G. FREDERICK REINHARDT,  
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SUBJECT: Defense Comments on Papers for Macmillan Talks,  
March 19 - 23, 1959

We appreciate the opportunity to review position papers prepared by the Department of State for the forthcoming discussions between the President and Prime Minister Macmillan, and we submit following comments thereon:

German Reunification - MWV D-1/2

In the first paragraph under "Recommended U.S. Position" second sentence, it is suggested that the words "we must reject" be changed so as not to make the statement so positive.

Berlin Contingency Planning - MWV D-1/4

In paragraph 3 d. of "Recommended U.S. Position" second sentence, begin "However, we contemplate this action only if there is no other way to keep Allied Forces in Berlin supplied. We have hesitated . . . ."

Recognition of the German Democratic Republic - MWV D-1/5

The "Recommended U.S. Position" does not recognize the possibility that it might be an advantage to the U.S. to modify its position in regard to de facto recognition of the GDR, provided adequate guarantees are obtained. As you know, this subject is being considered by State and Defense representatives engaged in preparations for a conference with the USSR.

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Disarmament: Resumption of Surprise Attack Conference -  
MVW - D-2/2

Delete the last sentence on page 2, paragraph 3. Also delete the attached Terms of Reference.

Comment: It is considered inappropriate for discussion with the United Kingdom to refer to internal views of U.S. Government Agencies. The proposed Terms of Reference should not be included in a position paper for discussion with the United Kingdom until they have been formally approved by all agencies within the United States Government.

Possible Increase in Non-Strategic Trade Between the  
United Kingdom and the USSR - MVW - D-3/11

Add paragraph 3 to "Recommended U.S. Position" as follows:  
"If the British indicate or imply that expansion of trade with the USSR will lead to further deterioration of the present control lists, the United States should express concern."

Add to paragraph 4 on discussion page the following:  
"The reductions in the control lists in 1954 and again in 1958 were initiated primarily by the British, although most other COCOM countries followed along."

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